



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.4. Precipitation amounts were down from the previous week, with some cooler temperatures. Small grains are heading and pastures are improving. Farming activities for the week included planting tobacco, applying herbicides, and preparing more fields.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/28/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	4	86	10
Subsoil	-	1	83	16
Hay & roughage	18	32	49	1

- Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 04/28/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	13	30	54	3
Hay, Alfalfa	1	7	40	51	1
Hay, Other	-	15	42	42	1
Winter Wheat	1	7	33	55	4
Pasture	4	14	48	29	5

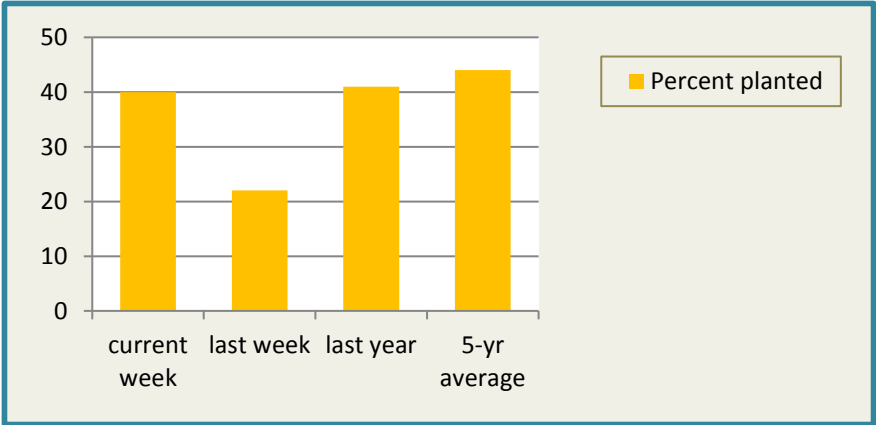
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 04/28/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	40	22	41	44
Corn emerged	12	3	5	12
Soybeans planted	1	-	-	-
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	2	-	-	-
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	2	-	-	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	4	-	-	-
Winter Wheat headed	24	9	27	26

- Represents data not available.

CORN PLANTED for week ending 04/28/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending April 28, 2019

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Apr. 27	Mar. 1 to Apr. 27 norm	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	76	51	83	37	64	7	463	394	0.38	7.57	0.69	15.22	1.76
Norfolk	77	57	86	52	67	8	560	420	0.35	5.67	-1.41	14.17	-0.14
Richmond	78	54	85	46	66	7	537	457	0.83	6.94	0.07	14.55	1.08
Roanoke	76	50	86	43	63	5	486	NA	0.17	6.42	-0.55	14.94	1.61
Wash/Dulles	74	51	83	45	62	7	421	NA	0.57	7.36	1.02	14.82	2.68

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Corn planting started this week. Barley heads emerged. Rye being baled or chopped.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Monday through Thursday was warm this week with farmers catching up on manure, fertilizer, and pre-plant herbicide applications. The first corn was planted this week before showers, and cool temperatures Thursday night through Saturday morning interrupted progress. Rainfall amounts to end the week were less than .7 of an inch for most of Rockbridge.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Ground still cold, too cool for crops, with 37 degree mornings, but warm days. Severe thunderstorm on Friday, and windy at the end of the week.

CENTRAL

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Corn planting started this past week. I have noticed much field activity with land preparation, and spraying burndown. I anticipate this week being very busy with field work. Wheat is starting to head, and grass hay is also starting to head.

SOUTHWESTERN

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

Warmer weather has helped pasture begin to recover, and eased the pressure on hay supplies. While grass is growing, so are early weed pressures. Rainfall is still well above average for the year.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Wheat is looking good, heading out. Some beans and tobacco are in the field. Cole crops look good. Things are a bit dry in places. Land is bedded up, and looking nice.

SOUTHEASTERN

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Rain on Friday slowed work down. Tobacco is being planted. Small grains are heading. Burn downs for no till planting are looking good.